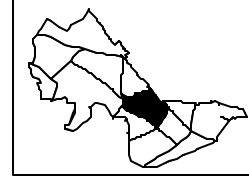


NEIGHBORHOOD 6

MID-CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street, the Somerville border, Kirkland Street, Quincy Street, and Cambridge Street

POPULATION: 13,006 residents
5,989 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,075

Neighborhood #6 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers) and 6R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 6A, 6B, and 6C.

2001 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

For a neighborhood with the highest population and with the city's only public high school, crime is fairly low, although it is still higher than average for many crimes. There was a 33% decrease in **street robberies** this quarter, including two arrests. One of the arrests involved a pack of juveniles that 'jumped' another juvenile after leaving a dance at CRLS. The arrested juveniles jumped the victim, took his shoes, while kicking and punching the victim on the ground. A witness attempted to help the victim and while doing so the arrested took the witness' jacket. • The number of **housebreaks** more than doubled in Mid-Cambridge when compared to this time frame last year. More than half of those breaks were on the upper part of Harvard St., including 6 breaks to the same address. Three of those breaks occurred on the same day, but no arrests were made. • Harvard St. is also a major hotspot in Mid-Cambridge for **auto thefts**. Five of the thefts occurred in the late week, between Thursday and Sunday, at all times of the day. Three of the cars have since been recovered. **Larcenies from MVs** more than doubled in the Mid Cambridge area this quarter. Parking garages/lots on the upper blocks of Harvard St. were popular spots for these larcenies. • One third of the **malicious destruction** incidents were due to spray-painted tagging on businesses and/or peoples personal property. Although there were no arrests for graffiti in this neighborhood, there were two arrests of people attempting to break into businesses.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2000 & 2001

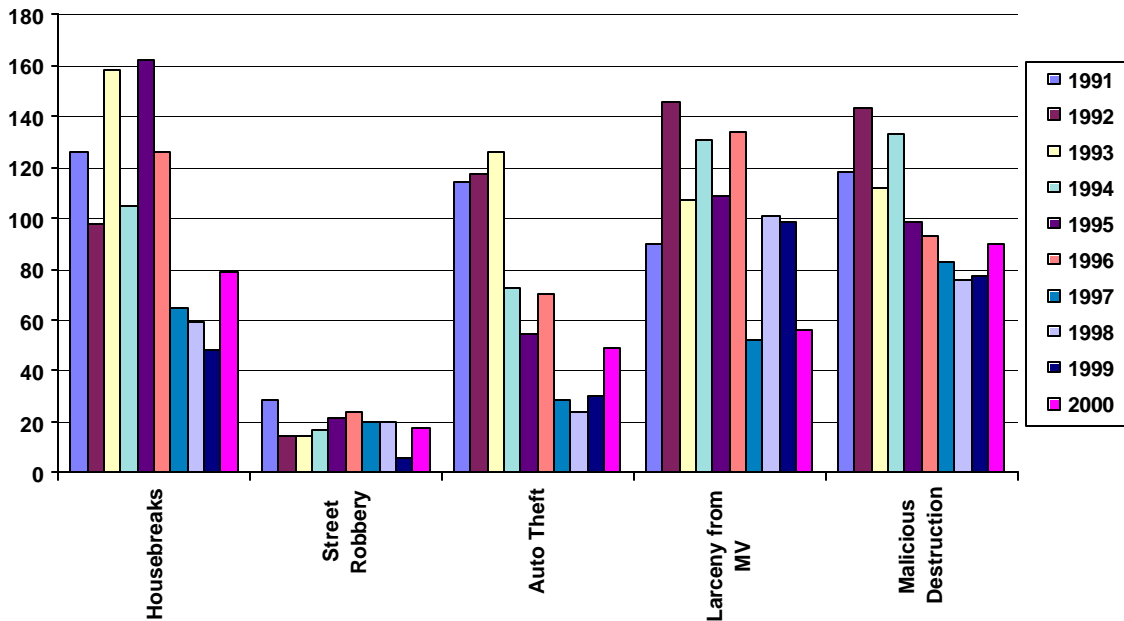
CRIME	1 st Q 2000	1 st Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	11	23	+109%
Street Robbery	6	4	-33%
Auto Theft	9	9	None
Larceny from MVs	16	36	+125%
Malicious Destruction	16	17	+6%
Drug Arrests	5	4	-20%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Mid-Cambridge is a busy neighborhood. In addition to the highest population of any neighborhood in Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge also has the city's largest high school (Cambridge Rindge & Latin), the Jackson Gardens residential complex, a good portion of Harvard University, and our own City Hall. It is bordered by the major thoroughways of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners.

Because of the enormous number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher than average rate for several crimes. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the western part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- **Residential Burglary** is naturally highest in a neighborhood with the largest number of residences. Though the rate of this crime has been cut in half since the 1980s, it still remains a serious problem. The largest clusters appear on Harvard Street between Prospect and Lee Streets, on Broadway between Lee and Ellery Streets, around the Massachusetts Avenue/Hancock Street intersection, on the lower half of Trowbridge Street, and on Lee Street. Mid-Cambridge also ranks high in **Larceny from motor vehicles** and the related crimes of **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**. The Cambridge Police Department strives to reduce both crimes through preventive patrol efforts, "Park and Walks," and priority investigation. Its 50 percent drop since the 1980s bespeaks some success.
- **Street robbery** is surprisingly low in Mid-Cambridge given its population. Most of the incidents that do occur happen on Massachusetts Avenue, on Cambridge Street, and in Inman Square.
- The high amount of pedestrian traffic on Massachusetts Avenue leads to a large number of **bicycle thefts** each year, particularly in or near Harvard Square.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	226	1	103	1	1
Street Robbery	49	3	18	5	5
Auto Theft	147	4	70	3	4
Larceny from MVs	198	1	106	2	5
Malicious Destruction	149	1	106	5	5

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest